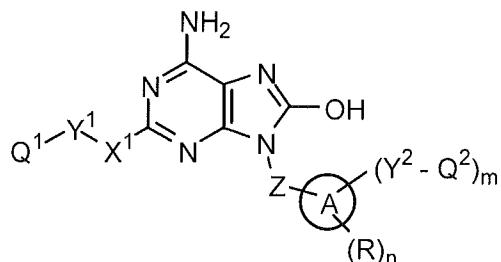


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 121. (Canceled)

122. (Currently Amended) An adenine compound represented by a general formula (1):



wherein

Ring A is a 5 to 10 membered mono or bicyclic heteroaromatic ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of 0 to 2 nitrogen atoms, 0 or 1 oxygen atom, and 0 or 1 sulfur atom,

n is an integer selected from 0 to 2, m is an integer selected from 0 or 1,

R is halogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, or substituted or unsubstituted amino group, and when n is 2, R(s) may be the same or different,

X¹ is oxygen atom, sulfur atom, NR¹ (wherein R¹ is hydrogen atom or alkyl group) or a single bond,

Y¹ is a single bond, or alkylene which may be substituted by oxo group,

Y² is a single bond, or alkylene,

Z is methylene,

Q¹ is hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, alkoxy group, or a group selected from the group consisting of Substituents set forth below,

Q² is a group selected from the group consisting of Substituents set forth below,

when m is 0, Q¹ is a group selected from the group consisting of Substituents set forth below,

Substituents: -COOR¹⁰; -COSR¹⁰;

wherein R^{10} is substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkeny—alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkenyl group, or substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group, its tautomer or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

123. **(Currently amended)** The adenine compound according to claim 9122 claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), the substituent(s), by which alkyl group, alkenyl group or alkynyl group in R^{10} is substituted, are the same or different and at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, and substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.

124. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), Ring A is pyridine.

125. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), Y^1 is C_{1-5} alkylene, Q^1 is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group or alkoxy group, Y^2 is a single bond, and Q^2 is $-COOR^{10}$.

126. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), R^{10} is alkyl group substituted by hydroxy group, amino group, alkylamino group or dialkylamino group, and m is 1.

127. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), Y^1 is C_{1-5} alkylene, Q^1 is hydrogen atom, hydroxy group or alkoxy group, Y^2 is C_{1-3} alkylene, Q^2 is $-COOR^{10}$, and m is 1.

128. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), m is 0, Y^1 is C_{1-6} alkylene which may be substituted with oxo group, and Q^1 is $-COOR^{10}$.

129. **(Allowed)** The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), and X^1 is oxygen atom, sulfur atom or NR^1 (wherein R^1 is hydrogen atom or alkyl group).

130. (**Previously Presented**) The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), m is 0, X^1 is a single bond, Y^1 is C_{1-4} alkylene which may be substituted by oxo group, and Q^1 is $-COOR^{10}$.

131. (**Allowed**) The adenine compound according to claim 122, wherein in the general formula (1), either 1) or 2) below obtains:

- 1) n is 0;
- 2) n is 1 or 2, and R is alkyl group, alkoxy group or halogen atom.

132. (**Allowed**) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

8-Hydroxy-2-methoxycarbonylmethylamino-9-((6-methyl-3-pyridyl)methyl) adenine,
2-{2-(Methoxycarbonyloxy)ethoxy}-8-hydroxy-9-((6-methyl-3-pyridyl) methyl)adenine,
8-Hydroxy-2-methoxycarbonylethyl-9-((6-methyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-(5-methoxycarbonylfuryl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-(5-isopropoxycarbonylfuryl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((6-methoxycarbonyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((6-isopropoxycarbonyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butylamino-8-hydroxy-9-(5-ethoxycarbonylfuryl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-(5-methoxycarbonylmethylfuryl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((6-S-methylthiocarbonyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((6-methoxycarbonylmethyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((2-methoxycarbonyl-4-pyridyl)methyl)adenine,
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((5-methoxycarbonyl-2-thienyl)methyl)adenine, and
2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-((5-methoxycarbonylmethyl-3-pyridyl)methyl)adenine.